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SOVIET FLEET IN BALTIC SEA

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The Soviet Navy has recently put four destroyers of a new type into service in the Baltic. The new ships, with a speed of 36 knots, reportedly carry four 130-millimeter guns housed in two turrets, two 76-millimeter anti-aircraft guns, seven 37-millimeter automatic guns, and eight torpedo tubes. With a total of 12 ships of this type expected to be put into service, the Soviet destroyer fleet in the Baltic should reach a strength of 30 units.

The USSR reportedly has eight heavy cruisers in the Baltic, three of which are a late type; from 100 to 120 submarines; 150 motor torpedo boats; and about 250 minesweepers. The Stalin canal permits transfer of vessels of small tonnage from one sea to another.

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